

and expenses on complaints against the officers of government shall be paid by the party complaining or complained against, or by the public, as the governor and council, or any three or more of them shall adjudge; and the governor and council, or any three or more of them, shall have power to compel payment in the like manner as the general court are authorized and empowered.

CHAPTER 33.

AN ACT for marking and bounding Lands.

Supplements 1787, ch. 22; 1793, ch. 70; 1805, ch. 54, as to Baltimore city; 1808, ch. 46; 1831, ch. 180, as to Saint Mary's county.

Preamble.

WHEREAS many differences and law-suits have arisen and may arise, concerning the location of lands held under courses and distances only, contained in title papers thereof, the direction of the courses varying in most instances, in a length of time, from the former running, from whence the descriptions of such lands were made in the certificates, grants and deeds thereof, and the marking and bounding lands in such manner, that their location would remain fixed and certain, would prevent differences and law-suits, quiet possessions, and of course render lands more valuable;

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SEC. 2. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That any person seized of land held under courses and distances only, as to any of the lines thereof, whether courses and distances only are mentioned in the grant or deed under which such land is held, or by the loss of boundaries called for, the person seized is confined to course and distance, or seized of the reversion or remainder on an estate for life or lives therein, having given two months' notice by advertisement set up at the court-house door of the county, and by such advertisement set up at the doors of the churches, and other houses for public worship, if any, in the hundred where such land lies, of his intention to apply to the court for a commission to mark and bound his land, named, or otherwise described, in such advertisement; and also giving notice in writing to the persons holding the adjoining lands, if residing thereon, or if absent, leaving such notice at the houses of such persons, thirty days before the meeting of the county court of the county where such land lies, and if no person lives on the adjoining land, giving notice four successive weeks in the Baltimore and Annapolis newspapers; and also giving personal notice to the owner of the adjoining land, or to his agent or attorney, if known and in the state, thirty days before the meeting of the county court, as aforesaid, may apply, by petition in writing, to such court for a commission to mark and bound such land agreeable to the directions of this act; and upon proof being made to the satis-